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Amendment and Response

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Title of Invention: Bandsaw With Double-Edged Blade and Opposing Thrust Rollers
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In response to USPTO's Office Action mailed 2/15/05 CLAIMS 1-16 are hereby cancelled and replaced by new Claims 17 and 18 which contain no new matter but are re-written to clarify the subject of what is being claimed in this invention.

Since the bandsaw blades and blade guides presented herein apply to a multitude of bandsaw machines already common in the art, the typical bandsaw itself is not described in detail here.

Applicant certifies that no new matter is being presented here and that the new Claims are also supported by the Specification and the Drawings.

Applicant wishes to stress the importance that this invention holds for the art of woodworking. Adding a double-edged blade to a bandsaw is the woodworking equivalent of adding four-wheel-drive to a vehicle in terms of utility, accessibility, and maneuverability. Many of the problems associated with bandsaws, such as "blade drift", "binding", and the constant need for "release cuts" are eliminated entirely. In time, such an improvement would have a profound effect on 21st Century architecture.

While the basic elements of this invention, individually, may be found elsewhere in prior art, but the combination used to enable a two-way cutting system are novel and significant. Applicant hopes to start selling the blades and guides of this invention during the coming year so would, therefore, greatly appreciate an expedited prosecution of this application to a condition of allowance. To that end the examiner is invited to call applicant (800-567-8919) at any time to discuss ways to speed up the process.

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